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The computer science department will host an internal transfer session for those interested in this hot field at 3 p.m. in ACE 5.336.

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Tech talk and info session on software engineering to be presented by Amazon, with free food and T-shirts, at 6:30 p.m. in WEL 2.224.

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In 1835

On Oct. 2, 1835, as Mexican soldiers attempted to disarm the people of Gonzales, the first shots between Mexican soldiers and Texan settlers were fired, marking the beginning of the Texas Revolution.



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“We just need to know the facts so we can start working with the students.”

— Robert Dahlstrom
UTPD Chief

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EDUCATION

Perry proposes lower tuition rates

By **Bobby Blanchard**

Texas Gov. Rick Perry renewed demands for four-year tuition freezes and \$10,000 degrees at Texas public universities during a news conference Monday afternoon.

Perry said he wants to improve higher education accessibility and affordability during the upcoming legislative session. Perry said as more young Texans consider college, four-year tuition freezes and \$10,000 degree plans would help Texas better meet the demand for

higher education.

“Implementing these measures will meet the growing demand for higher education in a way that provides encouragement for students to complete their degree in a timely fashion and with financial certainty,” Perry said.

Perry first mentioned four-year tuition freezes Sept. 21 at the Texas Tribune Festival, an annual event that presents various panels on Texas politics and issues. The freeze would guarantee students would pay the same tuition rate every year for the first four years. Perry

said students could expect their tuition to increase after that.

UT-El Paso and UT-Dallas both allow students to lock in their tuition for four years. In Texas, Perry said fewer than 30 percent of students graduate in four years. UT Austin’s four-year graduation rate was 52.2 percent for the 2011-2012 school year.

UT spokesperson Gary Susswein said the University is on the same page as Perry in terms of four-year graduation rates.

“We agree with Gov. Perry that there’s nothing more

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Texas Gov. Rick Perry addresses the media at Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas on Monday.

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Fanny Trang | Daily Texan Staff

“Save This Seat” is an initiative that took place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday in various classrooms. It was launched by Voices Against Violence from the UT Counseling and Mental Health Center and the UT student organizations Out Against Abuse and Breaking the Silence.

Seats saved for victims

Campus event raises awareness about Texas dating violence

By **Tiffany Hinman**

Seats in the campus’ crowded lecture halls were left open all day Monday to memorialize victims of relationship violence.

The Counseling and Mental Health Center’s Voices Against Violence teamed with UT student organizations Out Against Abuse and Breaking the Silence to kick off Relationship Violence Awareness Month with Save This Seat. Save This Seat lasted through the scheduled class day campus-wide. Students posted a sign on vacant classroom seats for every female killed by a do-

mestic partner in Texas during the last four years. Signs were also posted in the lobbies of the Flawn Academic Center and the Student Activity Center to honor these women.

Biology sophomore Kenera Colley, president of Breaking the Silence, said the group delivered signs to classes. Each sign told the story of a woman that was killed by an intimate partner.

“The signs were very moving,” Colley said. “These were stories from Dallas, Houston, from all over Texas. Each woman could have been sitting there in that seat if it weren’t for their husband or boyfriend who took their life.”

Erin Burrows, prevention and outreach specialist for Voices Against Violence, said

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LAWSUIT

Supreme Court to hear case on racism

Students in support of affirmative action gather for discussion

By **David Maly**

Representatives from three national organizations that promote ethnic rights will discuss the positives of affirmative action Tuesday night as the University prepares to defend the constitutionality of the practice before our nation’s highest court next week.

On Oct. 10, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the case Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin, a lawsuit originally filed against the University in 2008 by two white students who were denied admission to UT. The case challenges the constitutionality of affirmative action, a practice the Court last ruled constitutional in the 2003 case Grutter v. Bollinger involving the the University of Michigan Law School.

Organized by history senior Joshua Tang, Tuesday’s event, entitled “Fisher v. Texas and You: A Conversation with Civil Rights Leaders,” will bring together attorneys from

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SENATE



Paul Sadler

D- Texas



Ted Cruz

R- Texas

Students anticipate Cruz, Sadler debates

By **Joshua Fetcher**

Students in organizations representing both sides of the aisle hope U.S. Senate candidates Ted Cruz and Paul Sadler will address the cost of higher education and health care reform during their first televised debate Tuesday night.

Republican Ted Cruz, former solicitor general of Texas and former UT law professor, is competing against Democrat Paul Sadler, a former state representative, for the seat occupied by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison,

who is not seeking re-election.

Sadler served in the Texas Legislature from 1991 to 2003, including 10 years on the House Public Education Committee. He sponsored bills including the Ratliff-Sadler Act in 1995, a comprehensive education reform bill that removed the responsibility of appointing the commissioner of education from the State Board of Education and gave it to the governor, and established the State Board for Educator Certification, among other reforms.

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STUDENTS



Michelle Camp, environmental science senior, has been working on the “Quad Energy Challenge” which began Monday and ends Oct. 21. The project aims to help the honors dorms save energy.

Raveena Bhalara
Daily Texan Staff

Sparks fly in honors dorm energy contest

By **Bobby Blanchard**

With a \$500 prize on the line, honors students might become obsessed with power instead of grades this month.

Turning their lights off is one thing students living in the Littlefield, Carothers, Blanton and Andrews residence halls will do as they compete against each other to see who can save the most energy. UT has installed sub-

metering technology in the four dorms, and the meters are tracking each individual floor. The competition started Monday and ends Oct. 21. The floor that has the greatest percentage of energy saved in each dorm will be awarded \$500 for a social event.

Michelle Camp, environmental science senior, leads the “Quad Energy Challenge.” She proposed the project in 2011, and she said she is excited to see it launch.

“I can’t wait to see the results and see the huge reductions,” Camp said. “If we do see big savings, UT can potentially install this technology in more buildings on campus so they can save more energy all across campus.”

She proposed the project to the Green Fee Committee, a group that awards funds to various environmental science projects across campus.

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Mechanic Robert Devore makes repairs to a vehicle at NTB on Research Boulevard Monday evening.

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the organization began the Save This Seat event years ago to shed light on domestic and relationship violence and what the UT community can do to stop it.

“A student can learn more about how to support a friend, how to recognize red flags of abusive behavior and resources on campus,” Burrows said. “Interpersonal violence is a community problem, and we have community solutions.”

Burrows said relationship violence is especially common among young people.

“In Texas, 75 percent of people aged 16 to 24 reported either knowing someone or having personally experienced relationship violence,” she said.

“More than one in three women and one in four men in the U.S. are or will be survivors of violence, including rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner.”

The Texas Council on Family Violence and the National Dating Abuse Helpline are also working to educate Austin residents about relationship violence. TCFV works with organizations across the state and advocates funds to help victims of dating violence. The council also participates in educational activities on college campuses.

Angela Hale, spokesperson for TCFV, said there are key warning signs that separate healthy relationships from un-

healthy relationships.

“Many students don’t know what a healthy relationship looks like when they are new to dating,” Hale said. “We think it is important to educate students about healthy and unhealthy relationships, this way students can avoid getting in a long term relationship or marriage that may be abusive in the future.”

A complete calendar of events for Relationship Violence Awareness Month can be found on the Counseling and Mental Health Center’s website at www.cmhc.utexas.edu. Information about relationship violence and warning signs of an unhealthy relationship can be found at www.loveisrespect.org.

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The bill was signed into law by then-Gov. George W. Bush. Cruz served as state solicitor general from 2003 to 2008 and argued nine cases before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Leslie Tisdale, president of University Democrats, said she hopes the candidates will focus on student loans and tuition rates.

The Department of Education released numbers Friday showing that 9.1 percent of the 4.1 million student loan borrowers who began repayments between Oct. 1, 2009, and Sept. 30, 2010 defaulted before Sept. 30, 2011. According to a Sept. 26 study conducted by the Pew Research Center, 19 percent of households owed student loan debt in 2010, averaging out at \$26,682 per household. The Texas Tribune reported that the average cost of attendance at UT for fiscal year 2012-13 is \$9,794.

Tisdale said she hopes the candidates will also discuss the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and that students will watch the debate.

“These are the issues we’re going to inherit, and that’s why it’s crucial to stay informed and participate in elections,” she said.

Tisdale said she believes Sadler is a more qualified candidate for the U.S. Senate seat than Cruz because Sadler has served in the state legislature and is more attuned to the legislative process.

Danny Zeng, communi-

cations director for College Republicans at Texas, said he also hopes the candidates will discuss the rising cost of attending college. Zeng said the increasing costs are dissuading potential students from attending college.

He said Sadler displayed bipartisanship during his time in the Texas Legislature, but voters may not be looking for those qualities in a candidate.

“We’re not looking for politics as usual,” he said. “We’re looking for someone to represent the views of the people of Texas.”

He said he hopes the candidates will also address the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and how to fund entitlement programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.

Assistant government professor Bethany Albertson said she has seen no evidence that political debates help voters decide which candidate to support, but evidence does show that voters are more informed after watching debates. She said voters often think the candidate they supported going into the debate won the debate.

“Given that the average American doesn’t know much about politics, debates are a great opportunity for learning,” she said.

Calls and emails to both campaigns were not returned by press time.

The debate will air at 7 p.m. on TXCN and can be streamed at WFAA.com.

The candidates have agreed to another televised debate in Dallas that will air at 7 p.m. Oct. 19 on KERA-TV.

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the Asian American Legal Defense & Education Fund, Mexican American Legal Defense & Education Fund and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Tang said the attorneys will lead a dialogue explaining why affirmative action is necessary to help keep higher education accessible to minority groups.

According to the University’s website, UT currently accepts 75 percent of its incoming classes automatically based on high school class rank. The remaining 25 percent of students are selected through a holistic admissions process, which looks at academic achievement, personal achievement and special circumstances. The special circumstances section includes race and ethnicity along with seven other factors.

Tang said while he feels affirmative action does not come close to leveling the playing field for minority groups in terms of access to higher education, he feels it is a step in the right direction that needs to be defended.

“Holistic review at the very least makes sure that various

racial, ethnic and other experiences are valued from the time of admission throughout a student’s time at UT, and then also, this gives us the chance to improve those numbers,” Tang said.

More than 70 individuals and organizations have formally filed support of the University in the case, including the U.S. government, 17 U.S. senators, the state of California and 14 former University of Texas student body presidents, according to University records.

Tang said no matter what happens in the Fisher case, there are many ways that students can still advocate in favor of minority groups, and he would like to see the panelists address that Tuesday night.

“There’s gonna be a Q-and-A, hopefully, to further discuss the issue of what students can do, not only before the Fisher case, before oral arguments are heard, but even afterwards, how we can advocate on behalf of underrepresented minorities and marginalized people as a whole,” Tang said.

The event will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in BUR 106. A similar event, sponsored by The Public Affairs Alliance for Communities of Color, will be held from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Wednesday in SRH 3.124.

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important than helping students keep down the cost of college by graduating in four years,” Susswein said. “That’s why President Powers is committed to raising our four-year graduation rate to 70 percent over the next five years.”

UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa released a statement Monday after Perry’s conference, but he did not say whether he supports a four-year tuition freeze at all UT System institutions.

Cigarroa said the UT System plans to release a financial disclosure statement that shows students how much a college education will cost over four, five and six years.

Perry also called for outcome-based funding at his news conference, a structure that would tie 10 percent of an institution’s funding to the number of its graduating students.

Susswein said the University would receive more funding under Perry’s proposed format because UT-Austin graduates more students than

any other Texas institution.

“The state’s funding formulas currently reward institutions that offer more credit hours each semester,” he said. “Shifting the incentive towards degrees is something we would welcome.”

State Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, said there is standing support for Perry’s initiatives in the Legislature.

Zaffirini co-sponsored a bill in 2011 directing the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to develop recommendations for funding policies similar to Perry’s. She said it is an initiative she plans to pursue in the upcoming session.

“Increasing graduation rates based on percentages might be easier for Texas State rather than UT-Austin because [UT’s] rate is already higher,” Zaffirini said. “But everybody can still be expected to improve as long as we recognize one size does not fit all.”

Zaffirini said each university would have to work with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to find specific metrics adaptable by each institution.

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Camp said the committee awarded her more than \$23,000 for her project.

The project has a website, quadenerychallenge.com, which tracks and displays the energy savings of each dorm and floor. Students can go on the website at any time to see the latest results, and it is updated every few seconds. Camp said a design class built outdoor visuals for the Quad that show which dorm is leading in the competition.

Camp said she was pushing visibility with the website and visuals because awareness is an important part of energy conservation.

“It is hard to conceptualize your energy usage when you’re looking at the whole building,” Camp said. “When you can really break it down to the floor and wing level, students can start to un-

derstand how much energy they personally use.”

Karen Blaney, coordinator of the Green Fee Committee, said Camp’s project and others that monitor energy usage help conserve.

“If energy users are going to make a decision on whether they are going to change their individual habits, it is much easier for them to do so if they can see the impact their decision has,” Blaney said. “That is what a project like this does.”

Justin Jaskowiak, Whitis Residence Halls area manager, is working with Camp on the project. Although the competition just started, Jaskowiak said he is confident residents will commit to the project.

“One of the best parts of working with and supporting student leaders is the energy they bring to initiatives that promote building community and personal development,” Jaskowiak said.

Camp said students can save energy by turning lights off and opening blinds to use natural light. She said they could also unplug unused appliances. Even when turned off, a plugged-in printer and other devices still use power.

As of Monday night, Blanton was in first place in the competition, according to the website.

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Iran's currency falls to record low

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's currency has fallen 16 percent in a single day to hit a record low against the U.S. dollar and other foreign currencies in street trading.

Street traders said Monday it reached 34,500 rials to the dollar. On Sunday, it was 29,500 rials.

The collapse of the currency is a sign of the impact of Western sanctions imposed over Iran's nuclear program. The West suspects Iran is aiming to build nuclear weapons, a charge Tehran denies.

The fall came despite the country's inauguration last week of a new hard currency trading center to undercut the black market.

Facebook center wanted in Russia

MOSCOW — Facebook head Mark Zuckerberg was in Moscow on Monday, where top officials were pressing him to expand the company's operations in Russia.

Russia's communications minister tweeted that Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev urged the social media giant's founder to abandon plans to lure away Russian programmers and instead open a research center in Moscow.

A Facebook spokeswoman, who refused to be named because she wasn't authorized to discuss the matter with the media, said the company has no immediate expansion plans for Russia.

Nuclear tensions deemed volatile

UNITED NATIONS — A North Korean minister says the Korean peninsula has become the world's most dangerous hotspot where a spark could set off a nuclear war.

Vice Foreign Minister Pak Kil Yon lashed out at the United States in a speech to the U.N. General Assembly Monday, blaming Washington's "hostile" policy toward North Korea for a "vicious cycle of confrontation and aggravation" that has brought the peninsula close to a nuclear conflict.

Pak also accused the U.S. of seeking to occupy the entire Korean peninsula by force and "use it as a stepping stone for realizing its strategy of dominating the whole of Asia."

He said the United States has finalized scenarios for a new Korean War and is waiting to implement them but has been deterred by North Korea.

Security company fired after breach

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. — The security contractor at the Y-12 nuclear weapons plant in Tennessee has been fired after authorities say three activists cut through fences this summer and vandalized a building.

The contractor, WSI Oak Ridge, was criticized after the protesters — including an 82-year-old nun — broke into the plant in July. The anti-nuclear activists cut through fences and defaced a building that stored the plant's uranium.

B&W Y-12, the managing contractor at the plant, will take over security for the next several weeks.

After the intrusion, top officials at WSI and B&W were removed from their positions.

— Compiled from Associated Press reports

Pa. voter ID law awaiting decision

By Marc Levy
Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A court-imposed Tuesday deadline is looming for a judge to decide whether Pennsylvania's tough new law requiring voters to show photo identification can remain intact, a ruling that could swing election momentum to Republican candidates now trailing in polls on the state's top-of-the-ticket races.

Commonwealth Court Judge Robert Simpson is under a state Supreme Court order to rule no later than Tuesday, just five weeks before voters decide whether to re-elect President Barack Obama, a Democrat, or replace him with Mitt Romney, a Republican.

Simpson heard two days of testimony last week and said he was considering invalidating a narrow portion of the law for the Nov. 6 election. An appeal to the state Supreme Court is possible.

The law, opposed furiously by Democrats, has nevertheless been a valuable Democratic Party tool to motivate volunteers and campaign contributions as other critics, including the NAACP, AARP and the League of Women Voters, hold voter education drives and protest rallies.

In recent months, Republicans have sent out fundraising appeals highlighting legal challenges to the law or an inquiry into the law by Obama's Department of Justice, and the party no doubt would add a court defeat to its rallying cry.

The state's Republican Party chairman, Rob Gleason, insisted Monday that supporting the law is about good policy, not about motivating party voters. But then he criticized Democrats for opposing the law and



Michael Perez | Associated Press
Joe Michetti holds a sign in opposition to Pennsylvania's new voter identification law during the NAACP voter ID rally Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012, in Philadelphia.

for using it as an election issue.

Don Adams of the Philadelphia-area Independence Hall Tea Party Association said his membership of thousands is closely watching the issue.

"I think it'll drive our people even more, but I think they're already driven," Adams said. "I don't know how much more you can drive them."

Christopher Borick, a pollster and assistant professor of political science at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, said he would expect Republicans to use the law's defeat to warn of higher Democratic voter turnout and make it part of the case

for why efforts to turn out Republican voters are essential.

Pennsylvania's new law is among the toughest in the nation.

It is a signature accomplishment of Republicans in control of Pennsylvania state government who say they fear election fraud. But it is an emotional target for Democrats who call it a Jim Crow-style scheme to make it harder for their party's traditional voters, including young adults and minorities, who might not carry the right kind of ID or know about the law.

It was already a political lightning rod when a top state

Republican lawmaker boasted to a GOP dinner in June that the ID requirement "is going to allow Gov. Romney to win the state of Pennsylvania."

The high court told Simpson that he should stop the law from taking effect in this year's election if he finds the state has not met the law's promise of providing easy access to a photo ID or if he believes it will prevent any registered voter from casting a ballot.

The injunction Simpson was considering revolves around the portion of the law that allows a voter without valid photo ID at the polls to cast a provisional ballot. It would effectively ex-

cuse those voters from having to get a valid photo ID and show it to county election officials within six days after the election to ensure their ballot will count. Instead, they might be required to submit a signed declaration to the county.

Last week, Simpson heard testimony about the state's ongoing efforts to remove bureaucratic barriers for people to get a valid photo ID. He also heard about long lines and ill-informed clerks at driver's license centers and identification requirements that made it harder for some registered voters to get a state-issued photo ID.

Conversion therapy restricted for minors

By Lisa Leff
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Gay rights advocates are making plans to get other states to join California in banning psychotherapy aimed at making gay teenagers straight, even as opponents prepared Monday to sue to overturn the first law in the nation to take aim at the practice.

After months of intense lobbying, California Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill late Saturday that prohibits licensed mental health professionals from using so-called reparative or conversion therapies with clients under age 18. Brown called the therapies "quackery" that "have no basis in science or medicine."

Two New Jersey lawmakers already are drafting similar legislation, while groups that helped get the California law passed are sharing research, witnesses and talking points with counterparts in other gay-friendly states, said Geoff Kors, senior legislative and policy strategist for the San Francisco-based National Center for Lesbian Rights.

"There are lots of folks today who are looking at this, now that the governor has signed it," Kors said. "We'll be reaching out to all the state (gay rights) groups, especially in states that have had success passing LGBT rights legislation."

Two Christian legal groups, meanwhile, said they would sue in federal court in Sacramento to prevent the law from taking effect on Jan. 1.

The lawsuits will be filed on behalf of therapists whose practices include efforts to help clients change their sexual orientations or reduce their attractions to people of

the same sex; parents who have sought such therapy for their children; and teenagers who currently are undergoing it, lawyers for the California-based Pacific Justice Institute and Florida-based Liberty Counsel said.

Liberty Counsel Chairman Mat Staver said his organization plans to argue in court that the law infringes on the First Amendment and equal protection rights of individuals to give and receive information that matches their personal and professional beliefs.

"What this law does is tell minors that they can no longer receive information about same-sex attractions that they have been receiving and that they find beneficial to them," Staver said. "It also puts counselors in a situation where they must present only one viewpoint of this subject?"

The law Brown signed states that mental health providers who use sexual orientation change efforts on clients under 18 would be engaging in unprofessional conduct and subject to discipline by their respective state licensing boards.

The original bill introduced by state Sen. Ted Lieu, D-Torrance, also would have required therapists to warn adult patients of the practice's risks and limitations and to obtain their written consent.

Lieu dropped the informed consent provision, however, after a number of mental health associations in California — including the California Psychological Association and the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists — complained that it interfered with the therapist-client relationship.

Both groups, as well as the other leading professional groups, ultimately endorsed the ban for juveniles.



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VIEWPOINT

Four-year grads don't come cheap

On Oct. 1, Gov. Rick Perry gave a speech in Dallas outlining his plan to fight the skyrocketing cost of higher education in Texas. His proposals, which are intended to “meet the growing demand for higher education in a way that provides encouragement for students to complete their degree in a timely fashion and with financial certainty,” include a four-year tuition freeze, outcomes-based funding and increased fiscal transparency for students.

Providing incentives for four-year graduation is central to Perry's plan. In his Oct. 1 address, Perry advocated tying 10 percent of a university's state funding to the number of students the school graduates. The Governor cites

Texas' state universities' abysmal four-year graduation rates as a drain on students' and universities' economic resources.

UT-Austin's administration supports the four-year graduation push in Perry's plan. “UT Austin graduates more students — and more students on time — than any other public university in Texas. So if state funding is tied to graduation rates, the University will do well,” said UT spokesman Gary Susswein. “Shifting the incentive towards degrees is something we would welcome.”

Good that those in power are looking to lend cash-strapped students a hand.

However, another one of the Governor's other initiatives seems to coun-

ter his goals for affordable higher education. Perry has mandated that state agencies cut costs by 10 percent and has stated his refusal to sign any budget that increases state spending. If recent history is any indication, one of the first places the Capitol will look to cut costs is higher education. Last year alone, the Texas Legislature slashed \$1 billion dollars from state universities and over \$90 million from UT.

In 2003, Texas legislators, seeking to balance the state budget without raising taxes, removed the statewide cap on tuition and started allowing public universities to set their own prices. Since then, according to a recent analysis by The Dallas Morning News, the

average cost for a student at a Texas state school has increased by 55 percent.

There is an inverse relationship between the amount of funding a university receives from the state and the cost of institution. By refusing to allocate adequate funds to public universities, the state government forces UT and other schools to make up the difference through tuition increases.

In 1985, 47 percent of UT's budget came from state appropriations, and only 5 percent — a drop in the bucket — came from tuition. Today, state funding accounts for only 13 percent, while students are asked to contribute one-fourth of the University's budget. This growing burden on the students Perry is unwilling

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to recognize.

In his State of the University address on Sept. 27, UT President William Powers Jr. lauded parts of Perry's plan but also stressed, “Predictability and planning are also important for our campus, so the state should also show its own commitment by providing predictable revenue streams ... Predictability aids planning, and planning promotes efficiency,” Powers said.

UT Arlington President James Spaniolo concurs. “It's hard to make these judgments about leveling tuition for a four-year

period without knowing anything about what funding is going to be coming from the state,” he said.

Overall, Perry's proposed tuition freeze represents a step in the right direction, but it fails to strike at the heart of the problem. Perry and the Legislature say they want to make higher education more accessible for Texas families. If so, they need to adequately fund state universities. As state leaders, they must hold up their end of the bargain and support Texas higher education.



Lakeem Wilson | Daily Texan Cartoonist

Extend your refund

By Lloyd Doggett

Guest Columnist

As a proud Longhorn and former student body president, I argue we must continue preparing students for the jobs that are the future of both our local and national economy.

This is why I authored the “More Education” tax credit to encourage those seeking education beyond high school. Also known as the American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC), this provision allows students or their families to reduce their federal tax payments by up to \$10,000 over four years as a reimbursement for tuition, textbooks and other higher education expenses. This \$2,500 annual credit can go a long way toward helping make ends meet.

Even students attending school and working part time, who have under a \$2,500 tax liability, can still claim up to \$1,000 in a refundable tax credit for eligible educational expenses. The credit does not apply to expenses paid with monies received through a scholarship or other grant, but the credit can be used to cover any additional out-of-pocket costs.

But, unless my “More

Education” initiative is extended, 11 million students and their families will be denied this assistance during 2013. I urge the House Appropriations Committee to increase the maximum Pell Grant to \$5,635 from its current amount. More than 20 percent of Longhorns received Pell Grants during the 2011-2012 school year, but some could receive smaller checks in the future we don't fight for the increase. Some in Congress oppose increasing or even maintaining federal support for students who need it. Your involvement matters.

Let's retain the higher education tax credit and Pell Grants and ensure more students the opportunity to seek well-paying jobs. I encourage all Longhorns to get involved by making their voices heard — writing letters to the editor, posting opinions online and, of course, voting. Remember, here in Texas, the last day to register to vote or to re-register where you currently live is Oct. 9.

U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett was UT student body president and a graduate of the UT School of Business and Law School.

More than my looks

By Abbey Grimes

Guest Columnist

The other day, while wearing an oversized T-shirt and Nike shorts, I read the column titled “Don't short your identity.” As a sorority member, I was upset that I was being judged based on my wardrobe choices. It is bold to assume that all girls who wear this “uniform” conform to a certain personality and lifestyle.

Women all over campus wear this outfit for a variety of reasons. It is low-maintenance and convenient for the active lifestyle that Austin encourages, and it is comfortable, especially on hot days. These are all good reasons to wear shorts and baggy T-shirts, but it is also obvious to any observer that the “uniform” is a trend. In the '70s, people wore bell-bottom jeans to mimic stars like Farrah Fawcett. Women imitating Madonna in the '80s wore leg warmers and shoulder pads. In the '90s, women clothed themselves in accordance with the female cast members of the TV show “Saved By The Bell.”

Big shirts and Nike shorts ful-

It is hypocritical to make assumptions, draw conclusions and criticize a heterogeneous group of people based on their apparel choices. Now more than ever, women on this campus are proving they are individuals with unique characteristics and personalities.

fill a social role established long before our time. Trends in every generation reflect the styles of powerful and famous women. Big shirts and Nike shorts reflect the importance of comfort and the dedication women these days show to school and learning. The UT campus is not a runway; we should spend our time studying rather than shopping and preparing our identities for display.

College women of previous eras dressed to impress. Judging by the photos in old Cactus yearbooks, UT women appear to have spent a long time preparing their poufy hairdos and perfect outfits. I think it speaks volumes about the sense of self that college women on this campus have advanced that now we don't feel the need to be ‘made-up’ at all times. The shorts and T-shirts suggest college women have grown more confident and are leading more independent,

goal-driven lives. Beginning in the 21st century, women took on a new role in school and at work. We work hard and expect equality without handouts or special treatment. I wear loose-fitting clothes to demonstrate that I have more to offer than just my looks. I challenge people to see me for my mind, beliefs and ideas rather than the curves of my body or style of my clothes.

It is hypercritical to make assumptions, draw conclusions and criticize a group of people based on their apparel choices. Now, more than ever, women on this campus are proving they are individuals with unique characteristics and personalities. Have a problem with big T-shirts and Nike shorts? Don't wear them. But don't draw a conclusion about me and many others based on an outer appearance.

Grimes is a journalism freshman from Midland.

FIRING LINE

First appearances

The idea that appearance is not a focus in the Greek community is laughable to me, as someone who has seen the neon of Round Up and the weekend attire of heels and dresses, and has been asked to leave a casual Greek party because I was wearing something comfortable. People certainly have the right to wear what they want for whatever reason, but that does not free them from criticism, such as that expressed in a column titled “Don't short your identity” that ran Sept. 25.

One firing line [from Friday's paper] suggested that “stereotyping people based on their choice of clothing seems petty.” Then you should understand why many are upset over the Greek community's theme parties. An Ohio University campaign put it best: “We're a culture, not a costume.” Clothing and appearance hold immense social power, whether intended or not. Communities work hard to break stereotypes, and parties like the ones held recently only reinforce what many people sadly believe is true.

— Meg Susong, womens & gender studies alumna '12

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NEWS BRIEFLY

Defense confronts informant credibility

AUSTIN — Attorneys for three Austin brothers are centering their defense on the motives of the brothers’ cousin, who was the informant who helped the FBI build a case against the family.

Federal prosecutors say Hussein Ali “Mike” Yassine, Mohammed Ali “Steve” Yassine and Hadi Yassine used their nine bars in downtown Austin to make drug and weapons deals and launder money.

Prosecutors acknowledged to a jury in Austin on Monday that cousin Mohammad “Mo” Yassine was a \$4,000-a-month FBI informant who helped build the case against the brothers. FBI Special Agent Don Holstead testified the bureau had the cousin purchase cocaine as evidence.

However, in opening statements Monday, defense attorney Stephen Orr said the cousin is “an accomplished liar.”

The cousin has no listed telephone number in Colorado or Texas.

Complaint filed over debate exclusion

AUSTIN — The Libertarian candidate for Texas’ open U.S. Senate seat has filed a federal complaint saying he was unfairly excluded from a debate between Republican Ted Cruz and Democrat Paul Sadler.

Cruz and Sadler meet Tuesday night in a debate hosted by WFAA in Dallas. They are seeking to succeed retiring Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Libertarian John Jay Myers alleges in a Sept. 25 complaint to the Federal Communications Commission that WFAA’s criteria for inviting candidates was based on “partisan favoritism.”

Myers says the station told him it used five criteria, including holding previous elected office. He says Cruz doesn’t meet all the requirements.

Cruz was appointed state solicitor general, serving from 2003 until 2008. Sadler is an ex-state representative.

Myers plans to respond to his opponents’ debate comments via YouTube.

School bus accident leaves driver dead

SAN ANTONIO — Officials say a school bus struck another bus in San Antonio and that one of the drivers is dead.

Steve Linscomb, a spokesman for the Judson school district, says the Monday morning collision happened outside a high school. He said a total of about 80 students were on both buses and that none of them are believed to have been seriously hurt.

Linscomb says the driver of a bus from the San Antonio Independent School District died. He says it was not immediately clear if the driver died in the crash or had a medical emergency before the collision.

Suspects sought in shootings of calves

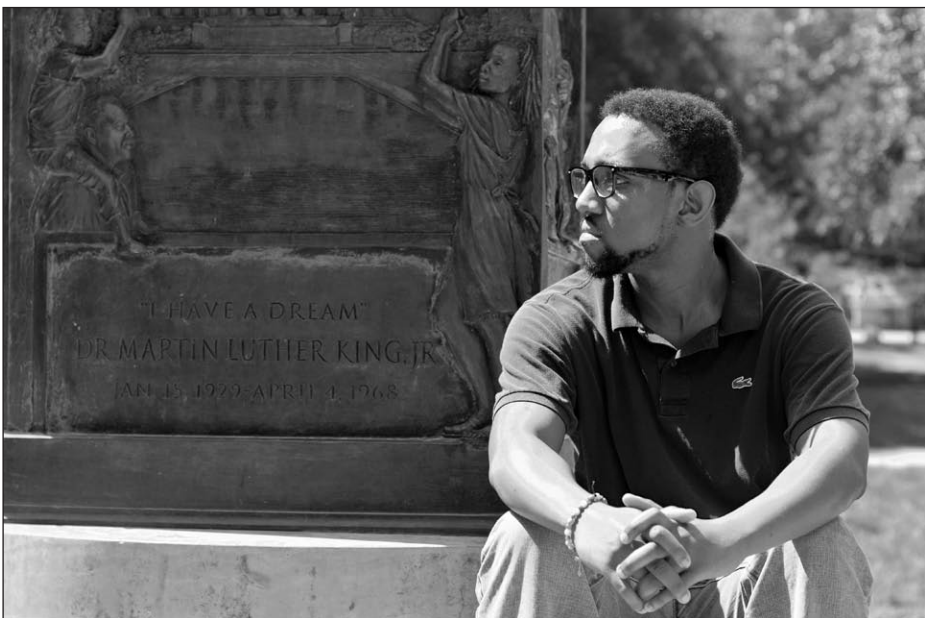
CENTERVILLE, — Cattle rangers are looking for clues to who shot and killed three calves found dead alongside a rural East Texas farm road.

A statement from the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association says two calves were found shot dead early Monday near the town of Buffalo, about 110 miles southeast of Dallas.

The association, which actively investigates crimes against cattle, says a third calf was found shot dead nearby. The association says that shooting appeared to have happened a few days earlier, but both cases appeared to be related.

— Compiled from Associated Press reports

CAMPUS



Chelsea Purgahn | Daily Texan Staff
Former UT student Chas Moore organized “Walk to West Campus: Standing in Solidarity Against Racism and Hate,” a march that will take place Tuesday evening.

Students plan march against bias

By David Maly

Students will march through the streets of West Campus on Tuesday night to send the message that they will not stand for bias in the UT community any longer.

Former UT student Chas Moore organized the march, “Walk to West Campus: Standing in Solidarity Against Racism and Hate,” in conjunction with students from UT and Huston-Tillotson University as a response to recently reported incidents of bias in the area. Those incidents include several reports of students being attacked with bleach-filled water balloons in order to “white-wash” them as students of color, racial slurs being used in the West Campus area and ethnic-themed parties being thrown in an insensitive manner. Moore said he hopes the march will publicly shed light on these incidents and prompt members of the UT community to realize that bias is still a major issue at UT in 2012.

“We are not going to sit back and let things like this happen,” Moore said, referring to the recently reported incidents of bias.

Moore said he planned the march because he feels he has not seen a serious enough response from relevant officials in dealing with reported incidents of bias at UT. He said he wants to show them how widespread this issue is so they will be more inclined to take action when incidents of bias are reported.

“We just want the University to seem like they care about what happens to students of color,” Moore said.

Moore said one example of authorities failing to take an appropriate response to a reported incident was when anthropology sophomore Taylor Carr had a bleach-filled water balloon thrown at her car last month.

Carr said the balloon struck her car around 2:30 a.m. near the 26 West apartment complex, formerly known as Jefferson 26, located at the corner of West 26th Street and Rio Grande Street.

Carr said she immediately got out of her car and ran to a nearby Austin Police Department officer to inform him of the incident.

“He asked if there was any damage, and I said ‘no,’ so he refused to take any action in response to the attack,” Carr said.

Carr was unable to provide the name of the officer she spoke to, and APD was unable to find a report of the incident on file, although APD did find a report of a water balloon being thrown at a car in the same area at roughly the same time. APD said they were unable to identify the assailant in that case, and they believe the balloon was filled with water, not bleach, in that incident.

Robert Dahlstrom, University of Texas Police Department Chief, said his department, which operates separately from the City of

Austin Police Department, heard about the bleach-balloon incidents recently. He said UTPD has taken measures to investigate the attacks, including reaching out to one of the students who said he was attacked with a bleach-filled balloon.

Dahlstrom said his department has been limited in its investigative efforts, however, because these attacks were not reported to UTPD, leaving them with little information to try and investigate the attacks.

“We’re very interested in helping students anywhere work through any type of case and this one no more or no less so than any other case,” he said. “We just need to know the facts so we can start working with the students.”

Dahlstrom said he urges students to report any illegal activity to his department so that it can be dealt with as effectively as possible and prevented from happening to others.

Moore, the event’s organizer, said he is happy that UTPD is looking into the incidents and hopes to see the same serious response to reports of bias from other relevant authorities, such as UT’s administration and APD, in the future.

Students participating in the march will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Martin Luther King Jr. statue located on the East Mall near West 21st Street and Speedway.

COMPETITION

Dell competition fosters innovation

By Carly Coen

Suzi Sosa of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs continues to influence the world of social innovation as executive director of the Dell Social Innovation Challenge, a contest designed to find the answers to pressing social and environmental issues all over the globe.

Young adults from 105 countries entered socially and environmentally innovative ideas into the Dell Social Innovation Challenge last year. The competition challenges students to develop solutions to pressing global issues, including lack of electricity in developing countries. After a series of evaluations, one finalist or group of finalists is granted \$50,000 to further develop their project.

Sosa, associate director for programs at the RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service at the LBJ School of Public Affairs, was named executive director of the competition last year.

Sosa worked in the private sector before volunteering for three years as a judge in the final round of the Dell challenge. After the close of the competition in 2011, Dell granted an additional \$5 million to expand student participation in the challenge to more countries.

Sosa said her goal is to transform students into social innovators and empower those students to make their ideas happen. There are many ways to get involved in the innovative process that students have not been educated about, Sosa said.

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“All you need in order to get started changing the world is passion. You don’t even really need an idea.”

— Suzi Sosa, executive director of the Dell Social Innovation Challenge

even really need an idea,” Sosa said. “This challenge is about becoming an entrepreneur and an innovator.”

The grand prize winners of the Dell challenge in 2011, TakaTaka Solutions, developed a method of environmentally responsible waste management for rural communities. The Humature Power Project won the popular student vote for the 2012 challenge with a design to harness human waste to produce electricity.

One of Sosa’s former students, nursing sophomore Kruti Patel, said Sosa’s Undergraduate Studies class on social innovation changed the way she views an individual’s potential to change the world.

“Every time she spoke, you could hear how passionate she was about getting all of us to think of the problems in the world differently,” Patel said.

John Doggett, McCombs School of Business senior lecturer, collaborated with Sosa on the competition after she was named executive director.

“She really cares about students and has created an amazing new opportunity with Dell. I wish we had a thousand more Suzi Sosas,” Doggett said.



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FOOTBALL

Tackling issues plague ‘D’

By Chris Hummer

For the two weeks following Texas’ 66-31 win over Ole Miss, the Longhorn defense put a heavy emphasis on tackling in practice. They worked on technique and their angles of approach to alleviate the issue, and the players were confident heading into the Oklahoma State game.

However, that attitude lasted only two plays before Joseph Randle busted off a 69-yard touchdown run on a play in which he pushed through multiple arm tackles and broke the ankles of Kenny Vaccaro in the open field.

But Vaccaro wasn’t alone in whiffing in the open field. Combined, the Longhorns missed 12 tackles, resulting in 109 yards of offense and two touchdowns for the Cowboys.

“We cannot continue to tackle poorly,” head coach Mack Brown said. “We did a poor job of stopping the run, and the inability to stop the run gave them their whole play-book. And the defense had a tough time dealing with that.”

Texas’ inability to handle the run almost solely goes back to its issues with tackling. Randle had a field day up the middle breaking through arm tackles left and right and taking advantage of Texas’ poor angles of attack. That bad technique led to Randle’s 199-yard, two-touchdown day and a combined 275 yards from rushing by Oklahoma State.

It’s not a lack of effort from the Texas defense that results in these numbers, rather it is the issues stemming from in-



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Safety Adrian Phillips and cornerback Carrington Byndom miss a tackle in Texas’ win over Oklahoma State. The defense missed 12 tackles in the game, resulting in 109 extra yards of offense and two touchdowns.

correct technique.

“We have to make sure we wrap up with our arms and tackle with our chest and take our extra step before the hit,” cornerback Carrington Byndom said.

The effort is there and the technique is supposed to be coming, but neither one of those fixes can overshadow a player’s lack of ability to perform — something that Brown and defensive coordinator Manny Diaz both mentioned Monday in regard to the tackling problems.

“Most of our missed tackles have been from the linebackers

and the secondary,” Brown said. “We got four weeks on a guy missing tackles; we got to start looking for another guy.”

In regard to another guy, both Brown and Diaz hinted that safety Adrian Phillips was at risk of losing his starting spot for this weekend’s game.

Phillips, who has been on and off the field all season battling injuries, has had a rough time tackling this year. Quite a few big plays or touchdowns have happened in his coverage areas because he took a bad angle on a tackle, includ-

ing on two of Oklahoma State’s touchdowns Saturday. His struggles were never more evident than in the first quarter of the Wyoming game.

On a play late in the frame, Phillips was able to make a huge hit on a pass over the middle, the only problem being that the tackle was on Byndom instead of the Wyoming receiver, who ended up sprinting for an 82-yard touchdown pass.

If Phillips is replaced, sophomores Josh Turner and Mykkel Thompson would be the most likely replacements. Neither one

of them has a lot of experience on the field, but their teammates are confident in the pair’s ability to step up if called upon.

“Those guys have played great,” cornerback Quandre Diggs said. “They’re going to be very good, they continue to execute and they will be fine.”

No matter who lines up beside Vaccaro in the secondary, the lack of tackling will have to be fixed. After all, Heisman front runner Geno Smith and a potent West Virginia offense will

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FOOTBALL

Smith enters DKR, defense in trouble

By Christian Corona
Sports Editor

Jordan Hicks played a crucial role in Texas’ 20-13 win over No. 5 Nebraska two years ago. Playing through an injured hamstring, the freshman linebacker made a team-high 11 tackles in the upset victory.

When defensive coordinator Manny Diaz asked him to describe his experience, Hicks, now a junior, didn’t exactly have words of inspiration to offer.

“It was a blur,” Hicks told Diaz and the linebackers. “I don’t remember anything, the game was moving so fast. I was moving around like a chicken with my head cut off.”

The younger linebackers nodded in agreement, remembering their struggles against the Cowboys this past weekend as Hicks was sidelined

with a hip injury. Led by true freshman J.W. Walsh, starting for the first time in his career, Oklahoma State racked up 576 yards in the loss.

Texas faces a much stiffer challenge this weekend when West Virginia rolls into town. In last week’s 70-63 win over Baylor in the team’s Big 12 opener, Mountaineers quarterback Geno Smith threw for 656 yards and eight touchdowns — breaking school records that he previously held.

Smith comes into West Virginia’s game against Texas as the clear favorite to win the Heisman Trophy, having thrown for 20 touchdowns without getting picked off this year. He’s completing an FBS-best 83.4 percent of his passes and his 208.4 quarterback rating is, by far, the best in the country.

Armed with a receiving corps that had three players make at least 13 catches, Smith faces a Texas defense



Geno Smith and the No. 9 West Virginia Mountaineers head to Austin to face Texas on Saturday. Smith has passed for 20 touchdowns and no interceptions this season and is a leading Heisman contender.

Christopher Jackson
Associated Press

that has made missing tackles a troubling habit.

“The tackles that we’re missing are in parts of the field and in a dynamic of the game to where they turn into touchdowns,” Diaz said. “We weren’t doing that last year. Everybody’s putting the football in space. Everybody’s attacking you vertically. It’s never been harder to tackle than it is this day and age of college football.”

The last time Texas faced an offense this explosive, it also faced a Heisman Trophy contender — and eventual

winner — in Baylor’s Robert Griffin III. The current Washington Redskins quarterback torched the Longhorns for 320 yards and a pair of touchdown tosses as the Bears pounded Texas, 48-24, in their regular season finale.

“I told them to keep the Heisman away from Robert last year and they handed it to him at halftime,” Brown quipped. “I think one of the things that we did wrong last year was we told them to shut down Robert Griffin. Nobody shut him down all year. [Smith]’s going to make plays.

That’s who he is.”

Many comparisons have been made between Smith and Griffin, most of them valid.

“They’re both talented guys,” junior defensive end Jackson Jeffcoat said. “I feel like [Griffin] ran the ball a little more. RG3 was a good pocket passer and Geno is, too. But I feel like Geno likes to stay in the pocket and if he can stay in the pocket, he’ll stay there and deliver a throw. We have to make him uncomfortable in the pocket.”

That will be much easier said than done.

CLUB SOCCER



Raveena Bhalara | Daily Texan Staff

The Texas Longhorns club soccer team is coming off a 4-0 win over Texas State. Now the Longhorns are gearing up for Big 12 play and aiming for a conference championship.

Club team has promise, seeks support from fans

By Melinda Billingsley

With a 4-0 win against the Texas State Bobcats last Friday, the UT Men’s Club Soccer team is looking to win big in the Big 12 conference.

Earlier in the season, UT tied SMU 1-1 for its first conference game and, because of a postponed matchup against Sam Houston, had a couple of weeks off from play before it took on Texas State.

“I feel like today was a pretty good result,” senior outside midfielder Carlos Pisani said of Friday’s

game. “This was a really important game to get back on track in order to get that conference championship.”

In his fourth season on Texas’ club soccer team, Pisani is feeling confident and had nothing but praise for his fellow teammates regarding the Longhorns’ upcoming season. Out of about six or seven fifth-year seniors, most usually start, but a few are currently injured. Once they are back in the game, Pisani says that the Longhorns will have an even better squad.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Red River Rivalry time set for 11 a.m.

Texas and Oklahoma will kick off their annual Red River Rivalry game, which is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, at 11 a.m., the Big 12 Conference announced Monday.

The No. 11 Longhorns (4-0, 1-0 Big 12) lead the all-time series 59-42-5, although they have lost their last two matchups with the Sooners.

—Chris Hummer

Holiner still alive at ITA All-Americans

No. 99 Junior David Holliner kept the Longhorns alive in ITA Championships beating Wichita State’s Matheus Periera easily (6-2, 6-0) as he advanced to the second round of the qualifying singles round.

Fellow Longhorn Junior Sudanwa Sitaram was beaten in two sets (7-5, 6-4) by San Diego State’s Thorsten Bertsch and Chris Camillone was defeated by Stanford’s John Morrissey (6-3, 6-1).

Holliner will compete in the second qualifying round Tuesday. Sitaram will replace injured Longhorn Ben Chen as Daniel Whitehead’s doubles partner as they take the court in the first round of the qualifying doubles Tuesday.

—Nitya Duran

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be rolling into Darrell K Royal–Texas Memorial Stadium on Saturday.

The Longhorn defense got away with a spotty performance against Oklahoma State, but they won't get so lucky playing the Mountaineers. As of now, the tackling

deficiencies aren't a huge issue because Texas won, but the players acknowledge it would be a different story if the final drive hadn't swung in the Longhorns' favor.

"Ifwelost,itwouldbealotbigger deal," defensive end Jackson Jeffcoat said.

YARDS ALLOWED BY TEXAS DEFENSE			
Game	Total Yards	Rushing Yards	Passing Yards
Wyoming	345	69	276
New Mexico	241	206	35
Ole Miss	399	170	229
Oklahoma State	576	275	301

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With Title IX in place, Texas men's soccer is not considered part of the NCAA like the women's team is, but that seems to have no effect on the men's first team player.

"Well, it's just the rules, you know," Pisani said. "We've got to have the same amount of girl sports as guy sports. It's fair and I love playing on this team, so I really wouldn't have it any other way. It's awesome."

Texas' Saturday game against Baylor was postponed, but the team is still hyped to compete in its third conference game.

"We've got a really good team," Pisani said. "Baylor beat us last year and they're going to come

out hard, but I think we'll be superior."

The Longhorns are relying on the fans to keep them energized as they continue their season, especially with the rivalry matchup against Texas A&M in two weeks. The Aggies are also undefeated in conference play and seem to be Texas' biggest competition, making the upcoming home game one of the most anticipated of the year.

"The more fans the better, always," Pisani said about the crowd. "We get pumped up and it helps us play better. The A&M game in a couple weeks is going to be really important. That's going to be the big decider and we want to bring a full house."

Although Texas has not been defeated in conference play, there are some things that Pisani believes the team needs to improve on.

"Sometimes we are little bit too direct, especially with our center midfielders," Pisani said. "Sometimes we need to keep the ball a little bit more, especially when we're already winning. Other than that I feel like we have a great group of guys here. We don't have any superstars, but we've got a lot of good players. I think we can win out."

Texas competes at UTSA this Friday to defend its perfect record. The Longhorns are then scheduled to play the Aggies the following week, Oct. 19 at Whitaker Fields.



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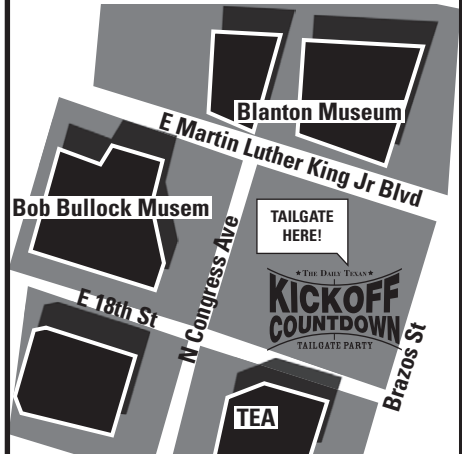
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away. The rage that Aara Krumpe, one of the ballerinas playing Kate, is able to display through quick, harsh, yet fluid motion and the uncontainable fury that races across her face is remarkable. The swiveling hips of the male dancers who taunt her with food convey the comical nature of “The Taming of the Shrew.”

The score also plays perfectly into a comedic telling of the tale. The obscure music from the Italian Baroque era is synchronized to a tee with the emotions being portrayed through the choreography. Mike Le-

Burkien, who attended the Studio Spotlight showing of “The Taming of the Shrew,” said that watching this performance is similar to watching a silent film from the early days of film — the expression, the movement and the music convey the story rather than words.

With inspiration that ranges from “The Three Stooges” to “Kiss me Kate,” Ballet Austin’s performance of “The Taming of the Shrew” proves that ballet is not always pompous and prissy but can be teasing, funny and a far cry from the overworked dramatics of the average ballet.

“...Mills was concerned that a story in which a strong-willed woman is married off to a callous man in order to subdue her to societal standards might not be received well.



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Ballet Austin's version of the Shakespeare story draws influence from Broadway's “Kiss me Kate” and vaudeville-style humour typical of the Three Stooges.

BOOK

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Rowling handles these mature themes with class and professionalism. Even the sex scenes read smoothly, unlike the recent erotica trilogy that put readers worldwide in bondage.

This book is not for children. Rowling has expressed this fact in multiple interviews and it is something the media has focused on and explained in almost every headline. It is as if the press finds it odd and a novelty that a grown woman at the age of 47 wants to write for her own demographic.

But while Rowling is writing for adults, she is not always treating her readers as such. Too many times Rowling spells things out for her readers rather than letting them infer and reach conclusions on their own.

Thankfully though, what Rowling does best has not changed. She commands the ability to draft an elaborate cast of characters who mingle well together. But her cast is not perfect. Many of the adult characters are cliché and flat. There is Samantha Morrison, wife of Mark Morrison, who finds her husband boring, hates the tiny town she lives in and does little more than complain for most of the novel.

The teenagers in the novel are Rowling's most engaging characters. Stuart Wall (who goes by Fats), is a philosophical, ideological and occasionally bratty, self-centered adolescent whose ability to

THE CASUAL VACANCY
J.K. Rowling

Pages: 503
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appear nonchalant and indifferent in the face of any situation infuriates his parents. Most importantly, there is Krystal Weedon, a girl from the Fields. The novel revolves predominantly around Krystal, and what is to be done with both her and the people of the Fields. Rowling's best-selling series was about and for young adults, so it is not surprising that her teenagers are her most compelling characters.

But as great as the characters are, there are too many of them. Readers are still getting introductions and basic character outlines as late as page 300. Perhaps this is what happens when an author goes from writing a seven-book series to a stand-alone novel. Rowling still manages to keep a tight rein on the plot, but just because she can manage 34 characters does not mean she should.

In a masterful conclusion, Rowling does not pull any magic to save the characters that were doomed from the start, and “The Casual Vacancy” ends on a depressing but realistic note. But readers will find solace in the last page, which has pangs of hope in it.

And yes, you will cry.

MUSIC

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Photo courtesy of DL Anderson
John Darnielle poses with current members of The Mountain Goats Peter Hughes and Jon Wurster. The three have comprised The Mountain Goats since 2007.

bands like Spoon or the Strokes, but he retains his own sense of earnestness nonetheless.

Standout tracks include the suburban ballad “Lake-side View Apartments Suite,” the self-destructive narrative “Cry for Judas” and the hardly satanic serenade “In Memory of Satan.” Whereas last year's album “All Eternals Deck” was washed with touches of pedal steel and classical instrumentation, here

Darnielle employs a brass section for the latter three songs, giving each an austere sense of poignancy.

His wry wit shines throughout the album. “Some things you do just to see how bad they'll make you feel,” he laments in “Cry for Judas.” “But I am just a broken machine / and I do things that I don't really mean.”

The best two songs on the album are the ones that most prominently

feature the horn section. “In Memory of Satan,” despite the odd title, creates the pensive, reflective sensation of riding into the Florida sunset. Simple lines such as “One more season, then I'm gone” are sung unsentimentally over a rich bed of trumpet crescendos and a wandering piano line.

The mood carries through to the album's closing title track, providing “Transcendental Youth” with a comforting resolve. A wistful lyric sings over somber instrumentation as the brass section winds down into a peaceful sixth chord in the album's final measure.

As with the rest of the Mountain Goats' catalog, listeners will either like Darnielle's style or they won't. But for fans of the band, it presents another excellent entry into their ever-expanding collection of works.

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COUGH
COUGH

DEAD

HE GOT WHAT HE DESERVED.

BOATS CAN'T SINK P. BURAPARATE

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ET TU DIFFED?

DENIAL

2 FACK THIS

REALITY

I'VE GOT THIS

DEPRESSION

BLIND DETERMINATION

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11 Came down with

14 1998 BP acquisition

15 "Phooey!"

16 Can

17 Opposite of an AC/DC song?

20 Sellout signs

21 Outdated tape format

22 Light units

23 Prefix with classical

24 Mother of Helen, in myth

25 Opposite of a Led Zeppelin number?

32 Most confident

Down

33 Virginia's University

34 Classic actor G. Carroll

35 Big arcade name

36 Plea at sea

37 Hit hard

39 Path of a pop-up

40 From Z

41 Lea

42 Opposite of a Meat Loaf tune?

46 Movie-rating org.

47 Baseball's Mel

48 Many a young summer employee

51 Crew member's handful

52 Church niche

56 Opposite of a Bing Crosby hit?

59 Buckeyes, for short

60 Golfer Sam

61 metabolism

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Humor en pointe

Local dancers redefine art of ballet through laughter

By Faith Ann Ruszkowski

“The Taming of the Shrew” is not a show a ballet company would typically produce — for one, there are no princes turning into enormous nutcrackers or maidens turning into swans. Although “The Nutcracker” and “Swan Lake” are classics, they are well-worn, overdone and slightly yawn-inducing in their predictability. Ballet Austin’s “Taming of the Shrew” is innovative and a bona fide laugh factory in comparison to the overly dramatic tales usually performed by ballet companies. Comedy permeates throughout this ballet from the whimsical movements and blatant expressions of the dancers to the humor initially woven into Shakespeare’s tale.

Showing Oct. 5 to 7 at the Long Center, Ballet Austin’s “The Taming of the Shrew” stays true to Shakespeare’s original plotline. Three suitors want to marry the lovely Bianca, but her father will only allow her to marry if her hellion of an older sister, Kate, the shrew, does so first.

“I was not actually interested in making ‘The Taming of the Shrew,’” choreographer Stephen Mills said to the audience at the Studio Spotlight on Sept. 27. “It is a really misogynistic story which is not easy to tell through ballet.” As ballet is typically performed by female dancers for a largely female audience, Mills was concerned that a story in which a strong-willed woman is married off to a callous man in order to subdue her to societal standards might not be received well.

However, Mills was originally commissioned to choreograph the ballet for the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., and, as Mills explained, when the Kennedy Center calls, you don’t say no. So Mills took an alternative approach to telling Shakespeare’s play while still staying true to

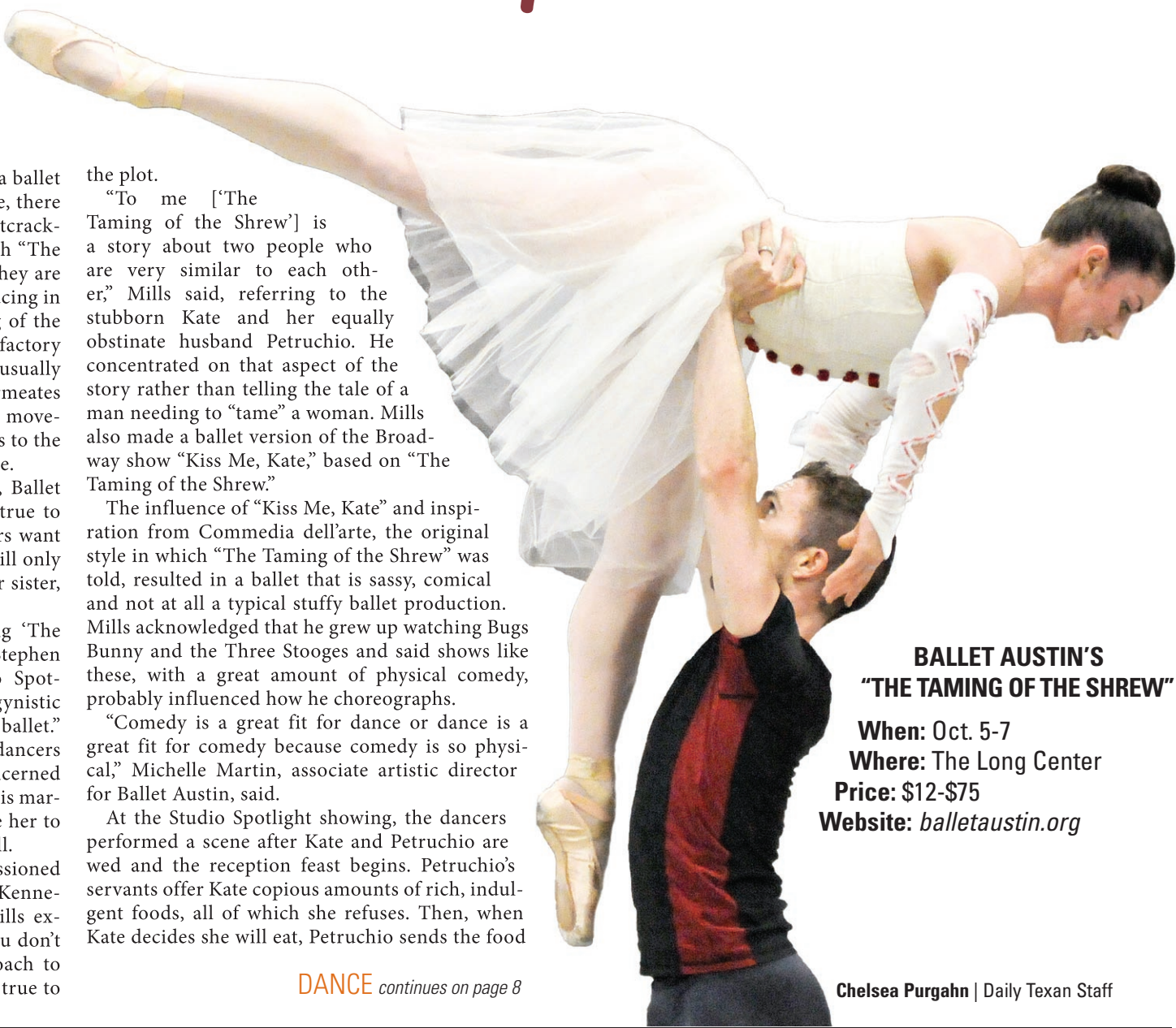
the plot.

“To me [‘The Taming of the Shrew’] is a story about two people who are very similar to each other,” Mills said, referring to the stubborn Kate and her equally obstinate husband Petruchio. He concentrated on that aspect of the story rather than telling the tale of a man needing to “tame” a woman. Mills also made a ballet version of the Broadway show “Kiss Me, Kate,” based on “The Taming of the Shrew.”

The influence of “Kiss Me, Kate” and inspiration from Commedia dell’arte, the original style in which “The Taming of the Shrew” was told, resulted in a ballet that is sassy, comical and not at all a typical stuffy ballet production. Mills acknowledged that he grew up watching Bugs Bunny and the Three Stooges and said shows like these, with a great amount of physical comedy, probably influenced how he choreographs.

“Comedy is a great fit for dance or dance is a great fit for comedy because comedy is so physical,” Michelle Martin, associate artistic director for Ballet Austin, said.

At the Studio Spotlight showing, the dancers performed a scene after Kate and Petruchio are wed and the reception feast begins. Petruchio’s servants offer Kate copious amounts of rich, indulgent foods, all of which she refuses. Then, when Kate decides she will eat, Petruchio sends the food



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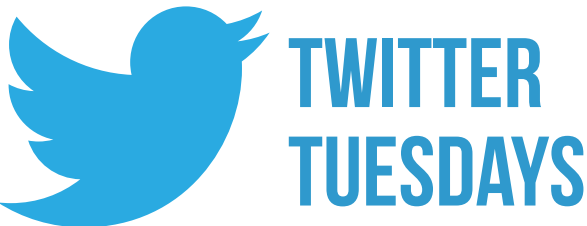
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British writer J.K. Rowling poses with her new book, “The Casual Vacancy,” at the Southbank Centre in London Thursday, Sept. 22, 2012. The book, published by Little, Brown Book Group, is Rowling’s first novel for adults.

Left: Liferis Pitarakis
Associated Press

Rowling enchants new adult audience

By Bobby Blanchard

J.K. Rowling is still J.K. Rowling. She is the same author who produced the “Harry Potter” series and can still conjure up a colorful cast of characters who dictate a puzzling and intricate plot. Her new novel, “The Casual Vacancy,” proves this.

The premise is simple enough, but with a page count of more than 500, “The Casual Vacancy” is anything but simple. Within the first three pages, Rowling kills off Barry Fairbrother, which leaves an empty seat on the

parish council of the English town of Pagford. This sets in motion a runoff election to fill the casual vacancy that was created by Fairbrother’s death. Fairbrother’s death comes when the decision on a hotly debated topic is approaching the parish council. Privileged, richer members of the council are trying to push the Fields (a poor neighborhood) out of Pagford into a neighboring city so they no longer have to police, educate, clean up after or provide rehab for the neighborhood’s inhabitants.

Fairbrother fights to keep the Fields part of Pagford, so

“A great apron of stomach fell so far down in front of his thighs that most people thought instantly of his penis when they first clapped eyes on him, wondering when he had last seen it, how he washed it, how he managed to perform any of the acts for which a penis is designed.”

— *The Casual Vacancy*, page 32

much that his wife resents him for it. But with Fairbrother dead, both sides of the debate scramble to find a replacement that will tip the balance in the issue. “The

Casual Vacancy” explores the coldest and harshest of themes, including self-harm, rape, death and sex.

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MUSIC | ALBUM REVIEW

Mountain Goats’ album delivers melodic cynicism

Darnielle opens a bitter and insightful window into the life of outcasts in society

By Ricky Stein

15th studio album.

“Do every stupid thing that makes you feel alive/ do every stupid thing to try to drive the dark away.”

So opens the Mountain Goats’ new album “Transcendental Youth,” their

As singer, songwriter and band leader of the Mountain Goats, Indiana native John Darnielle has crafted a consistent and highly distinctive body of work over the last two decades. This has had a dual effect: on the one

hand, he has been able to establish a nationwide audience for his music that has enabled him to tour fairly large concert halls from coast to coast; on the other, his audience is somewhat limited to music fans who are not put off by his astringent nasal vocals and his rushed, irony-laden phrasing that tends to suggest a shade of snarkiness.

Darnielle has a gift for literate, observational songwriting. As with previous Mountain Goats albums, “Transcendental Youth” is filled with provocative imagery and carries a punkish sneer. Just a look at the song titles — leadoff track “Amy aka Spent Gladiator 1” is a good example — that suggests a playful yet cerebral fun with words

reminiscent of bands such as the Flaming Lips or Mellow Gold-era Beck.

On previous albums, the heavy dose of lyrical irony could be off-putting, but “Transcendental Youth” settles into a comfortable groove, keeping just clear of the dreaded realm of nerd-rock. Darnielle lacks the “cool” of

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